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FM AMCONSUL DURBAN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2848
INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: PBOR, PEPR, LT, SF (TRANSKEI)
SUBJ: LESOTHO-TRANSKEI BORDER PROBLEM

REFS: A. MASERU 0531, B. MASERU 0515, C. DURBAN 0128

1. IN REF A, EMBASSY MASERU CITED A NEWSPAPER REPORT WHICH
THEY STATE QUOTE CORROBORATES REPORT OF BORDER CLOSURE SENT
REFTEL END QUOTE. LATTER REFTEL (REF B) REPORTED AN ALLEGATION
BY THE LESOTHO GOVERNMENT TO UN SYG WALDHEIM THAT QUOTE SOUTH
AFRICA HAS UNILATERALLY BLOCKADED THE SOUTH-EASTERN BORDER
OF LESOTHO END QUOTE.

2. THE SITUATION AS KNOWN TO THIS POST IS AS STATED IN
REF C - NAMELY, THAT TRANSKEI (NOT SOUTH AFRICA) IS IMPEDING
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ACCESS ACROSS TRANSKEI BY SOME LESOTHO CITIZENS BY IMPOSITION
OF A DIFFICULT AND COSTLY VISA PROCEDURE. WE BELIEVE IT
WOULD BE GOING TOO FAR TO SAY THAT TRANSKEI ACTUALLY HAD
CLOSED ITS BORDER WITH LESOTHO, OR CERTAINLY THAT SOUTH
AFRICA HAD.
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